REMARKS

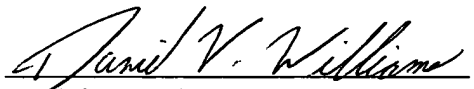
Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment are respectfully requested.

Via the foregoing amendments, the specification conforms to the amendments presented in prior application Serial No. 09/825,932 filed April 5, 2001, which application was allowed as of July 28, 2003. An additional typographical error was corrected on page 16. The Issue Fee and Publication Fee in connection with the prior application will be remitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office shortly and, in any event, no later than the final due date of October 28, 2003.

The claims are hereby amended to incorporate some of the features of independent claim 11 into claim 13, upon which claims 14-19 ultimately depend, with claims 13, 14 and 17-19 being the only claims now pending in this divisional application. New claims 17-19 recite additional features from original claim 11. Claims 2, 4-6, 17 and 18 are allowed in the parent application, with the remaining claims being prosecuted in two other pending divisional applications (Serial No. 10/238,776 filed September 11, 2002 (our Q71544); and Serial No. 10/345,176 filed January 16, 2003 (our Q73022)).

An examination on the merits of this application in due course is respectfully requested. Please charge any additional fees due to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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